अधीन किये जाने के लिये हाल ही में स्वीकृति दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कारखाने को स्थापित करने के लिये अब तक कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई है ; और

(ग) इस कारखाने को कब तक चालू कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री उपेन्द्र नाथ वर्मा): (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Setting up of Consumer Protection Committees in States

*231. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up Consumer Protection Committee in every State;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what would be the scope and functions of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) to (c) Under the provisions of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 the State Governments/UT Administrations are responsible for setting up of the State level Consumer Protection Councils, Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission) and Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum (District Forum). The Councils are advisory in nature and their object is to promote and protect the rights of the consumers. The State Commission and District Forums are quasi-judicial bodies set up for providing simple, inexpensive and speedy redressal to consumer grievances in the field of defective goods, deficient services and unfair trade practices etc.

Progress of railway network in West Bengal

*232. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of railway network during the VII Five Year Plan period was much retarded in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to lay out new lines during the VIII Five Year Plan period in that state and to speed up the on going railway projects there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) The progress has been commensurate with the allocation of resources.

(b) and (c) Following new line projects approved in West Bengal would be continued during VIII Five Year Plan:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Km.	Cost (Rs. in crores)
1.	Howrah-Amta/ Champadanga BG line	74	30.43
2.	Eklakhi-Balurghat New BG line	91	47 18
3.	Tamluk-Digha new BG line	87	73.71
4.	Lakshmikantapur-Namkhana new BG line	47	41 13

The progress will depend on availability of resources.

National Commission for Rural Labour

*233. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to make the National Commission for Rural Labour a permanent body;

(b) if so, by when the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard; and

(c) to what extent it would help in providing assistance to the rural labour?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

National strategy for standardisation and quality system

*234. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments' attention has been drawn to a report published in the Hindustan Times of the 19th July, 1990 regarding the evolving of a national strategy for standardisation and quality system in the country; if so, how many Indian standards have so far been formulated in different technology areas; and

(b) what is the number of licences issued so far by the Bureau of Indian Standards?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The number of Indian Standards formulated by the Bureau of Indian Standards, as on 31st July, 1990, in different areas is: 14863.

(b) The number of operative licences granted by Bureau of Indian Standards till the end of July, 1990 is: 11394.

White Paper on Child Labour

*235. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Task Force of his Ministry has been assigned the job of preparing a White Paper on Child labour in different sections in the country and their working conditions; and

(b) if so, by when the White Paper is proposed to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oil palm plantation in Andhra Pradesh

*236. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to cultivate oil palm in Andhra Pradesh on a large scale and the amount sanctioned for the purpose; and

(b) what were the results of oil palm plantation in Kerala and how does it compare with the present project in A.P.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) A demonstration project on oil palm is being implemented since 1988-89 in an area of 1000 hectare in the districts of Krishna, East Godavari and West Godavari. An amount of Rs. 580.83 lakh has been sanctioned for five years of which Rs. 140.415 lakh is the share of Department of Bio-Technology (GOI) and Rs. 140.415 lakh of Government of Andhra Pradesh. The balance amount is proposed to be raised through institutional finance.

(b) The results of oil palm cultivation in Kerala have been found encouraging. The plantations in Kerala are raised on the Government land under rainfed conditions, while in Andhra Pradesh oil palm is being raised in the farmers' holdings with assured irrigation.

Works on pesticides residue

*237. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: